

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is an additional An image information processing apparatus (10) is capable of easily limiting the allowable number of times a content file such as a confidential document can be copied, or is capable of easily enabling to check a record of copy events to trace back the copy events. The additional image information processing apparatus (10) includes an image acquisition component (2) which acquires input image data in which additional image information is embedded; and an extracting component (20) which extracts the additional image information from the input image data; and an additional image information modification component (24) which generates new additional image information by modifying the additional image information when determining that the additional image information complies with a predetermined condition, and generates copied image data by embedding the new additional image information into the input image data or image data obtained by removing the additional image information from the input image data.